

REMARKS

Claims 1-33 and 35-61 are pending. Claim 14 has been amended. Claim 34 has been cancelled. New claims 35-61 have been added. No new matter has been introduced. Reexamination and reconsideration of the application are respectfully requested.

In the October 22, 2003 Office Action, the Examiner allowed claims 1-33. Claim 14 has been slightly amended for clarity. The Examiner rejected claim 34 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Horimai et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,215,758 (hereinafter the Horimai reference). Claim 34 has been cancelled.

Applicant has added new independent claims 35, 45, and 50 to further define the invention. New independent claims 35, 45, and 50 recite limitations similar to allowed independent claims 1, 14, and 24, respectively. New dependent claims 36-44, 46-49, and 51-54 depend directly or indirectly from independent claims 35, 45, and 50, respectively. Applicant has also added new claims 55-61 to further define the invention.

Applicant has enclosed formal drawings to replace the informal drawings as originally filed.

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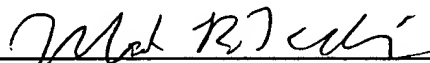
Applicant believes that the foregoing amendment and remarks place the application in condition for allowance, and a favorable action is respectfully requested. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned attorney at the Los Angeles telephone number (213) 488-7100 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance should the examiner believe that such a telephone conference would advance prosecution of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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